

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Carter Farm Bridge Inventory Number: HA-799
Address: 3301 Rocks Road 101 Cherry Hill Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Jarrettsville near Rocks Zip Code: 21084 County: Harford
USGS Quadrangle(s): Fawn Grove Jarrettsville
Property Owner: Garden Fence Farm, LLC Tax Account ID Number: 05 008743
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 117 Tax Map Number: 25
Project: MD 24 at Rocks State Parks Agency: MD State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Parsons Brinckerhoff
Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 4/28/2009
Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form HA-799, on file at Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description

The Carter Farm Bridge is a Warren truss bridge dating from 1907. It crosses Deer Creek east of Maryland Route 24 (Rocks Road) near Rocks, Harford County, Maryland. The bridge provides access to the Crowl Farm on the east side of Deer Creek. The steel bridge was built in another location in 1907 in a pony Warren truss with verticals from the top chord. The span is about 60 feet long and has four panels. All connections are riveted. The deck is comprised of wood boards laid loosely across the steel floor beams and stringers. The plate on the southwest post has deteriorated so that only "Company, York, 1907" are clearly legible. The abutments are stone.

Historic Context

The Carter Farm Bridge was originally constructed as a Warren truss bridge over Deer Creek. It was built by Harford County in 1907 to provide a crossing of Rocks Road (now Maryland Route 24) over Deer Creek north of what is now St. Clair Bridge Road and south of what is now Rocks Station Road. Rocks Road is shown on the 1858 Martenet map of Harford County. In 1933, an

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MHT Comments: INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.
NO DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY HAVE BEEN MADE.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

unnamed hurricane caused severe flooding in Maryland. The bridge over Deer Creek survived, but Rocks Road (MD 24) required relocation and a larger bridge was needed at this alignment. The Maryland State Roads Commission built the present Rocks Steel Truss Bridge, HA-1576 (DOT Survey). According to the Crawl family and the original MIHP form, John T. Carter bought the original bridge from Harford County in 1934.

According to A Context for Common Historic Bridge Types (NCHRP Project 25-25, Task 15, prepared for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, Transportation Research Council, National Research Council, by Parsons Brinckerhoff and Engineering and Industrial Heritage, October 2005), the Carter Farm Bridge retains its character-defining features, including parallel top and bottom chords, inclined end posts, diagonals, floor beams, stringers, and method of connections (in this case, riveted).

Significance Evaluation

Because it retains its character-defining features, the Carter Farm Bridge meets Criteria C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, it is not eligible for listing due to a lack of integrity. Most significantly, the bridge has been relocated from its original location. It was originally placed crossing Deer Creek north of St. Clair Bridge Road, and John T. Carter bought the bridge in 1934 and moved it south to his "fording place." Thus it does not retain integrity of location, despite remaining in a similar setting (i.e., a crossing of Deer Creek). Additionally, the materials and workmanship of the Carter Farm Bridge have deteriorated despite retaining their overall design and character-defining features. The historic feeling and association of the bridge have been altered as it is now a privately owned bridge rather than a public bridge. Furthermore, the relocated bridge is an example of an early twentieth-century Warren truss bridge, and twentieth-century Warren trusses are more common than those dating from the nineteenth century. Thus, the Carter Farm Bridge lacks the integrity to warrant its eligibility under Criterion C.

The Carter Farm Bridge is not associated with broad patterns in American history and is not eligible under Criterion A. The property is not associated with persons important in the past and therefore is not eligible under Criterion B. The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of this effort.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

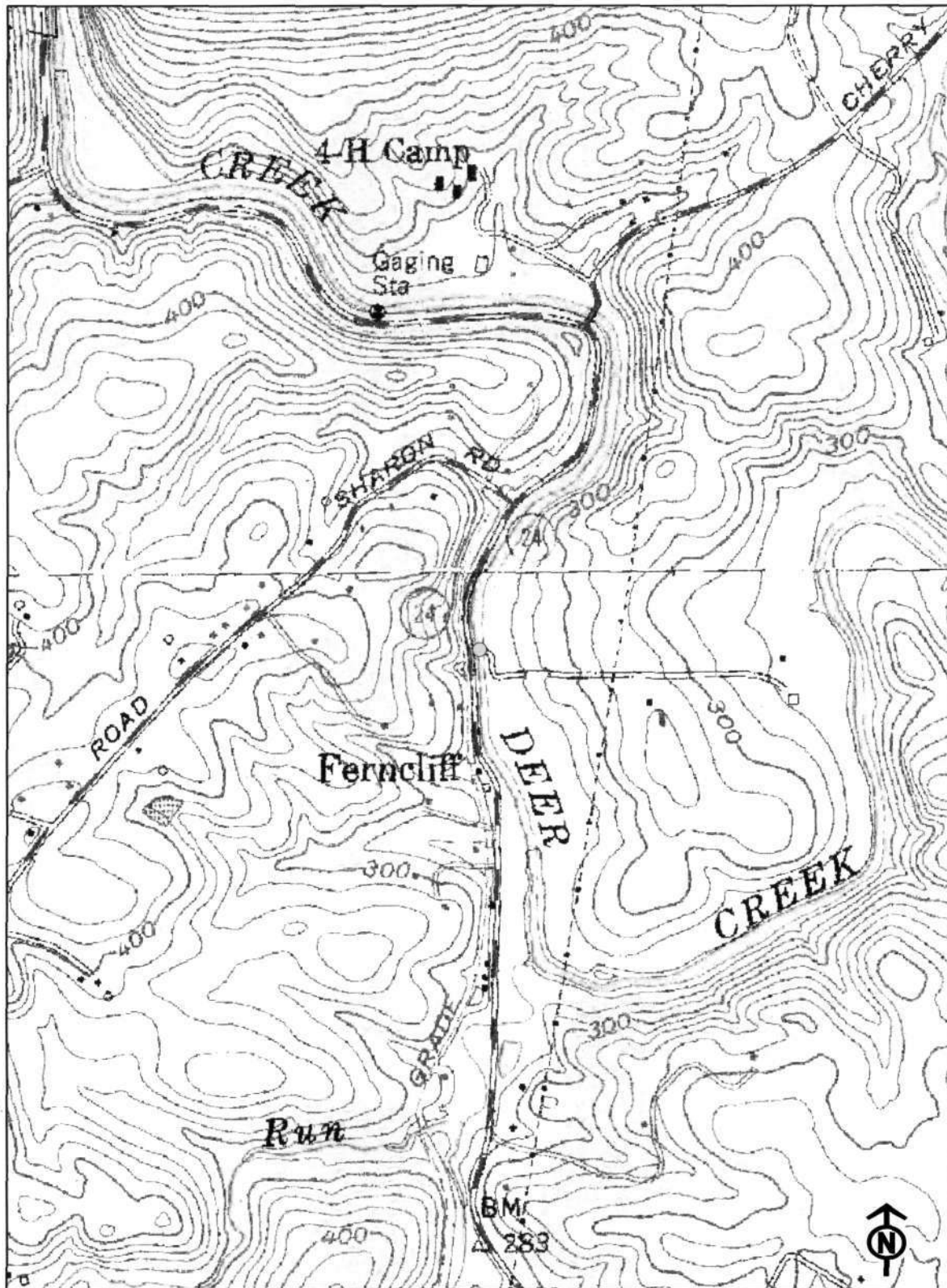
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Jarrettsville, Harford County, MD
USGS Jarrettsville Quad



○ Property

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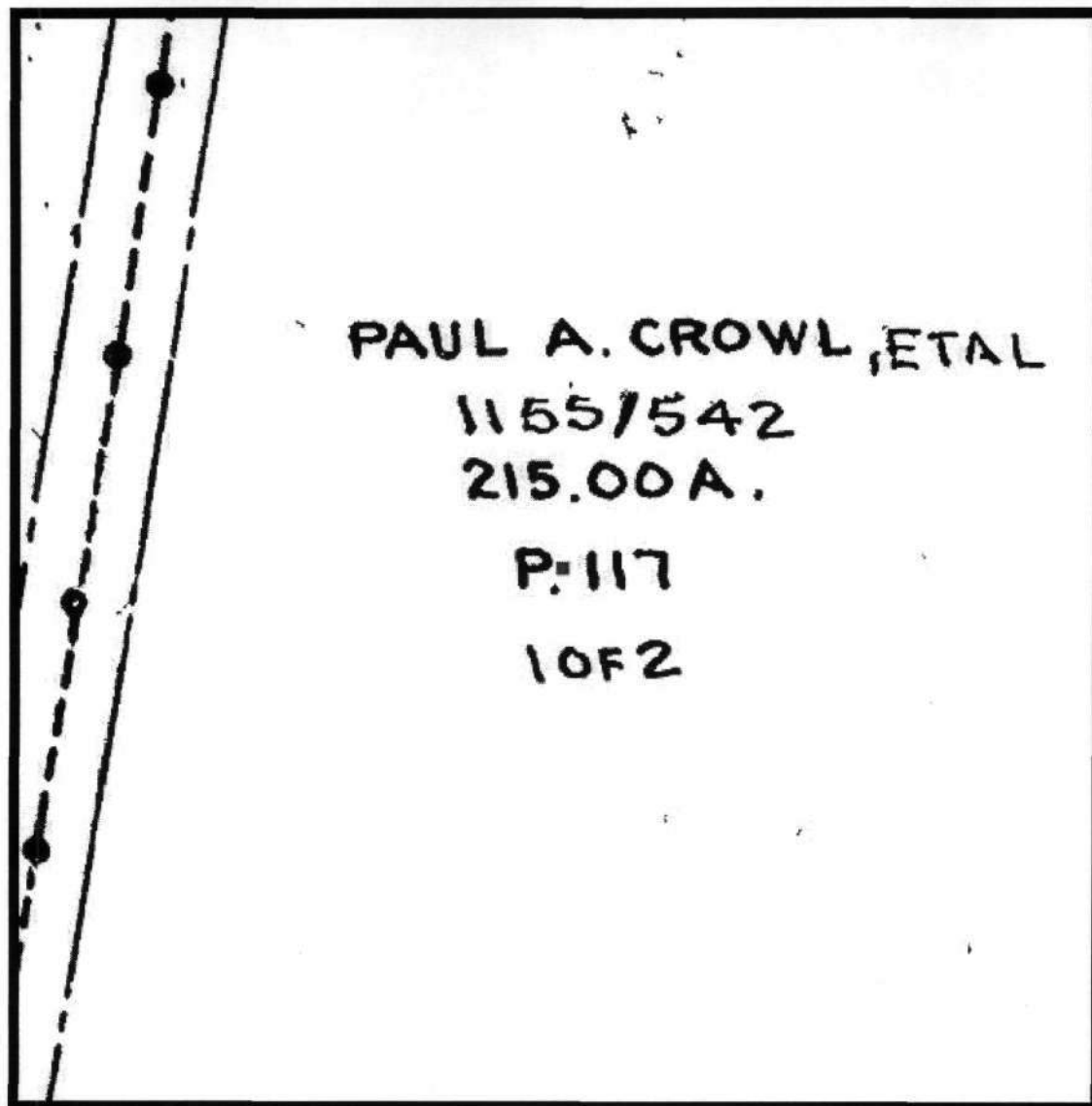
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Carter Farm Bridge

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MD SHPD

View facing northeast towards bridge

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Carter Farm Bridge

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MD SHPO

View facing east towards bridge

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Carter Farm Bridge (Deer Creek)
3200 blk Rocks Road, east side
Rocks vicinity
Private

1907

The Warren truss bridge over Deer Creek was built by the York Bridge Company, York, Pa. to provide access to the farm then owned by John T. Carter. Plates on the wooden deck bridge identify the Harford County Commissioners and Clerk in 1907 and the name of the bridge company and date.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Carter Farm Bridge (Deer Creek)

AND/OR COMMON

Crowl Farm Bridge

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3200 blk Rocks Road, east side

CITY, TOWN

Rocks

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Paul A. Crowl

Telephone #: 838-7472

STREET & NUMBER

101 Cherry Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE zip code
MD 21154**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 746

Folio #: 201

STREET & NUMBER

20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-799

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carter Farm Bridge over Deer Creek east of Maryland Route 24 (Rocks Road) is the principal access to the present Crawl Farm about 1/2 mile northeast of the Ferncliff subdivision near Rocks, Harford County, Maryland. The steel bridge was built in 1907 in a pony Warren truss with verticals from the top chord. The span is about 60 feet long and has four panels. All connections are riveted. The deck is wood boards laid loosely across the steel floor beams and stringers. A plate on the northeast inclined end post reads: "George Archer, Albert I. McCann, J. T. Anderson, Commr's, W. A. Wheeler, Clerk". A plate formerly on the southeast post has been removed, as has the plate on the northwest end post. The plate on the southwest post reads "Built by York Bridge Company, York, Pa. 1907". Eric DeLony of the Historic American Engineering Record speculates that the missing plates are duplicates of the remaining ones.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT York Bridge Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren truss bridge over Deer Creek was built by Harford County in 1907 apparently to provide access to the large farm then owned by John T. Carter. The crossing was known as Rutledge's Fording, after the previous owner of the farm (see HA-787, Ignatius Rutledge House).

The York Bridge Company was founded in 1901 by George M. Drury, who was the company's president and Guy Webster, the secretary-treasurer. Webster later succeeded Drury as president. The firm's bridges were widely sold in the Mid-West and East and their employees numbered 150 in 1907. (History of York County, Prowell, J.H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1907)

NOTE: HA-799 was originally assigned to Newmeyers Store. This was later duplicated by HA-1123. HA-799 was cancelled and reassigned to the Carter Farm Bridge.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Prowell, History of York County (J.H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1907)
(Historic York, Inc.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 1984

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Carter Farm Bridge

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS:

Section 2, Location: 3301 Rocks Road

Section 7, Description: Moved from original site 1934

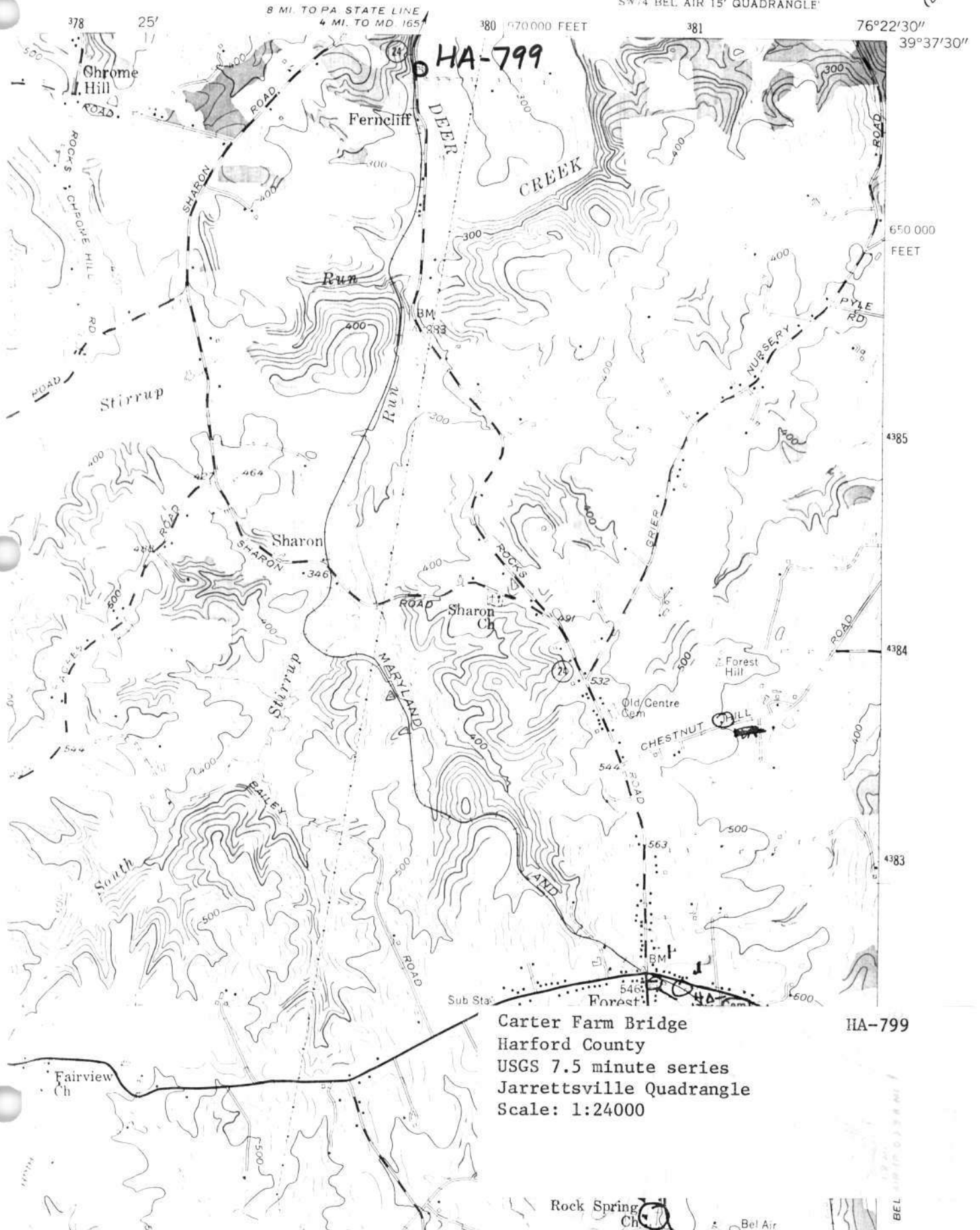
Original site was near the present MD Route 24 crossing of Deer Creek, just north of Rocks State Park. It was replaced by the present Rocks Steel Truss Bridge, HA-1576 (DOT Survey).

Section 8, Significance: John T. Carter bought the bridge from the County in 1934. After a flood in 1933, which this bridge survived at its original location, Rocks Road (Route 24) was relocated and a larger bridge was required. Carter acquired the old bridge for his fording place.

This information provided by Mrs. Paul Cowl, from interviews with Glenn Cowl, May 1984.

JARRETTSVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW 1/4 BEL AIR 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III NE
(DELTA)



Carter Farm Bridge
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Jarrettsville Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

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Carter Farm Bridge

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Harford County

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View from south

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